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STATUS OF REPORT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AS A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT

On April 19, 2005, your Board requested a report from my office, within 30 days, with a general analysis of the advisability and implications, including fiscal, of separating Public Health from the healthcare components of the Department of Health Services (DHS) and creating separate departments for hospitals, health centers and emergency medical services.

We have received information from DHS regarding the rationale for creation of a separate Public Health Department and the potential benefits, implications, feasibility and related implementation issues, including specific actions which may be required for implementation. However, additional time is required to complete our general review of the fiscal implications and other potential consequences associated with this proposal, as well as a review of historical changes in the Department's organizational structure. We anticipate providing your Board with our report by June 7, 2005.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Director of Health Services